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TO AMEMBASSY OTTAWA

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TAGS: ETEL, ETRD, CA

SUBJECT: COMPUTER/COMMUNICATIONS CONSULTATION REQUEST

REF: OTTAWA 3572

1. EMBASSY IS CORRECT IN ITS ASSUMPTION THAT PRIMARY U.S. EMPHASIS IN COMPUTER CONSULTATIONS RELATES TO TRADE/INVESTMENT ASPECTS. WE RECOGNIZE THAT CANADIAN INTERESTS CENTER MORE ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS ISSUES. AS INDICATED IN OUR NOTE OF APRIL 17 WE WOULD BE WILLING TO DISCUSS TOPICS OF THIS NATURE IN THE CONSULTATIONS. BUT WE WOULD PREFER THAT THE FIRST MEETING FOCUS ON TRADE/INVESTMENT ISSUES WITH A SUBSEQUENT MEETING TAKING UP THE OTHER POLICY AREAS. COMBINING ALL ASPECTS OF COMPUTER/COMMUNICATIONS POLICY IN ONE MEETING WOULD BE CONFUSING AND IMPRACTICAL GIVEN THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DIVERSITY OF THE TOPICS AND THE DIFFERENT AGENCIES THAT

WOULD BE INVOLVED.

2. WE AGREE WITH EMBASSY THAT THERE IS NO REASON TO DELAY CONSULTATIONS PENDING OUTCOME OF OECD MEETING IN FEBRUARY. EMBASSY REQUESTED PROPOSE TO EXTAFF THAT U.S. DELEGATION COME TO OTTAWA EARLY IN JANUARY (PREFERABLY JAN 6 OR 7) TO DISCUSS TRADE/INVESTMENT IMPLICATIONS OF CANADIAN POLICIES PROPOSED IN GREEN PAPER. SUBSEQUENT MEETING COULD CONCENTRATE ON CANADIAN CONCERNS MENTIONED IN REFTEL AND COULD BE IN WASHINGTON SO OUR EXPERTS WOULD BE AVAILABLE. EXACT SCHEDULING AND AGENDA OF SECOND MEETING MIGHT BEST BE

DETERMINED AT CONCLUSION JAN SESSION. KISSINGER

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